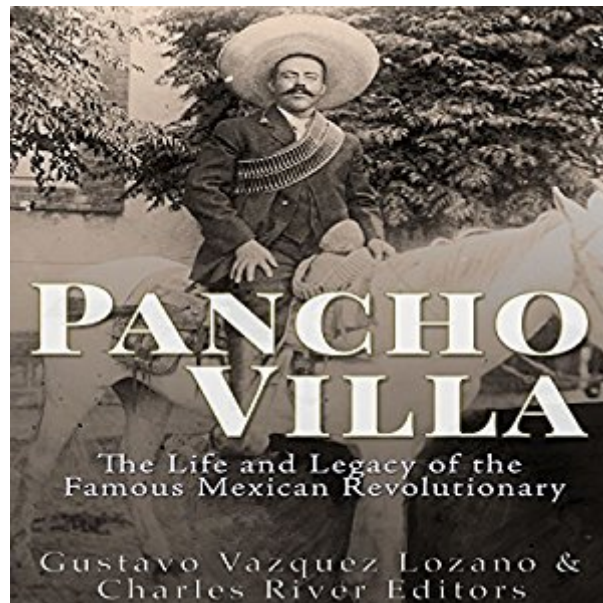


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Pancho Villa: The Life And Legacy Of The Famous Mexican Revolutionary



Synopsis

"My sole ambition is to rid Mexico of the class that has oppressed her and given the people a chance to know what real liberty means. And if I could bring that about today by giving up my life, I would do it gladly." - Pancho Villa "Pancho Villa," people whispered at the beginning of the 20th century, "can march 100 miles without stopping, live 100 days without food, go 100 nights without sleep, and kill 100 men without remorse." The legend of Francisco Villa is full of heroism, tragedy, and romance. It is the story of a poor farmer boy who became a bandit out of necessity, after avenging an injustice on his family; a military genius who fled from an oppressive government to lead the largest revolutionary army in his country's history, and defeated dictatorship to become Mexico's liberator, only to fall again in disgrace when his troops abandoned him or were massacred by the enemy. Pancho Villa and his cavalry, Mexicans point out with a certain amount of pride, invaded the United States, and although they came and tried to capture him, they never found him. This is, at least, the version that most of them know, but it's certainly not the same as in their textbooks. The story of Francisco Villa bypassed official censorship from generation to generation, like leaves sailing at full speed on the surface of a stream. But the historical reconstruction is full of nuances. Was he a freedom fighter, or a bandit? Was he a Mexican Robin Hood, or a thief and a murderer? Was he present when his troops invaded US territory? Was the advance of his famous "Dorados" (the "golden ones," the name of his troops) the cause for joy, or terror among the people as they passed the countryside towards Mexico City? Pancho Villa's personality has been controversial since the very beginning of his career as a general of the revolutionary army.

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This is an interesting biography of the great Mexican revolutionary leader. He was a Mexican "Robin Hood" who took from the rich and gave to the poor. During his 44-year lifetime, the people were oppressed, but Francisco Villa, as long as he loved, was their champion. He really cared about the common people. The book changed my outlook about him. Anyone interested in the history of Mexico should read this book.

"Pancho Villa" by Gustavo Vazquez Lozano is another in a series of biographies by Charles River Editors. It is relatively short, but covers all the significant happenings in his active life. Freedom fighter? Robin Hood? Bandito? For a while his revolution in northern Mexico in the early part of the Twentieth Century garnered American support, but a raid into the US in New Mexico sparked an unsuccessful manhunt by no less than John Pershing. Like the fate of many revolutionaries, Pancho Villa was assassinated at the age of 45.

I found this book to be a some what useful source of information on Poncho Villa. However, I wouldn't recommend it because there are other sources with much better informstion and better written.

interesting life of someone has been a savior and a bandit.

Comprehensive covering of his life and exploits.

Excellent book, good to read, could have happened, gives a good background of the Mexican strife in the 1920s

I have had better info reading grocery advertisements. Junk.

Very minimum. I hope the author didn't spin too much time on it

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